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KOENIG INDICTED FOR PLOTTING TO WRECK BIG CANAL

Chief Detective of Hamburg Line Is Held With Aide In Alleged Conspiracy—Others May Be Indicted In Investigation By New York Grand Jury.

New York, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American Line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, dealer in antiquities, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland Canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American Line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring "to set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the dominion of Canada." The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with a mine or other means the Welland Canal leading from Port Colborne on Lake Erie to Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

CLITUS H. KING HERO OF COUNTY JAIL FIRE; CALMS CELL INMATES

Fairfield Lawyer Awaiting Transfer to Prison Does Valiant Work After Sounding Alarm for Blaze In County Institution's Workshop.

Farmer Reporter Aids Solitary Keeper of Jail In Summoning Officials to Aid Firemen In Fight On Threatening Flames—King's Own Story.

Clitus H. King, confessed forger, former lawyer and legislator, who has been sentenced to the Fairfield county jail for not less than three years as a result of his peculations, was a hero last evening in the destructive fire at that institution.

But for the presence of mind of Attorney King, half a dozen prisoners might have committed suicide or fatally injured themselves. He prevented many from beating their heads against the bars of their cells. He it was who discovered the fire and turned in the alarm to the office.

Robbed in the garb of a prisoner, wearing canvas shoes and with hour glasses before his weakening eyes, Attorney King was an interesting figure running from cell to cell and quieting the screaming inmates. When the firemen arrived he was an invaluable aid to them as he plunged with the foremost into the burning building, carrying a lantern to guide the way, and pointing out the means of entrance and exit.

The presence of the fire first became apparent at 6:10 o'clock when Attorney King, doing duty as hall-man, smelled smoke. Despite the heaviness of the door that separated the first tier of cells from the corridor leading to the workshop, the acrid and heavy smoke forced it way through the almost air-tight spaces.

One or two sniffs convinced King. He ran to an alarm that rings in the main office and turned it in. Jailer Matthew W. Scott was at his desk in the main office and he heard the bell. Jailer Scott turned in an alarm from the jail private box, 823, and another sent in a call from box 822. Nobody else of authority was in the jail. It so happened that Sheriff Simeon E. Pease was in Greenwich. Clerk Dennis O'Neill had left at 5 o'clock. Doorman William Kearns had gone home at 4 o'clock. Jailer Scott was waiting for the night watchman to report on duty.

Mrs. Simeon Pease, wife of the sheriff, came running into the street from the administration building seeking help of civilians in spreading the alarm.

No. 4 and No. 5 Engine companies came in response to the alarm of Jailer Scott, with Hook & Ladder company, No. 5. When the firemen arrived they found the blaze a dangerous one and more apparatus was called for until all but two or three pieces were at the scene.

All alone, Jailer Scott was having a difficult time. A farmer reporter who was on the scene before the firemen, scaled the fence around the jail after Mrs. Pease appeared, and went to the assistance of the official. He called police headquarters and the homes of all the jail workers. A squad of 15 policemen arrived and the jail attaches soon followed.

Inside the building pandemonium reigned for a while. The danger to the prisoners was not immediate.

VILLA HUSTLED TO EL PASO FOOL ATTORNEYS

Brother of Mexican Chief, Held As Swindler, Must Face Trial

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 23.—To forestall habeas corpus proceedings by which Col. Hipolito Villa might have obtained his liberty before documentary proof could have been obtained from El Paso, Col. Villa, accompanied by a detective, was started for El Paso, this morning at 4:30 o'clock. Villa was arrested here last night on a message from the El Paso chief of police charging Villa with swindling.

SPANISH CORTES IS DISSOLVED BY DECREE OF KING

Madrid, Dec. 23.—King Alfonso today signed decrees dissolving the Cortes. New elections will be held before March.

SWELL CAUSED BY TORPEDO BOAT PARTS TUG FROM ITS TOWS

The torpedo boat, Allwyn, which has been lying off the harbor for several days being fitted out with new valves from the Ashcroft Manufacturing Co., sailed yesterday for the Brooklyn Navy yard. When it was going out the tug Success was doing the same with two mud scows. The swell caused by the Allwyn was so great that it parted the lines and set the scows adrift.

The Charles Henry McWilliams brought in five loaded boats, the Robert Robinson entered with three and the George McCaffrey with four. The Robert Robinson left late this afternoon for New York with a tow of five light barges. The schooner Howard Russell sailed for New York light this morning.

Motor Boat Owners Must Kick In for The Administration

Another evidence of the administration's desperate need of revenue following the extravagance of the last four years was disclosed today in notices sent to all motorboat owners that they had been charged with their crafts on the books of the board of assessors. There are several hundred motor boats owned in this city, the taxes from which, on their actual value, will be a source of revenue to the city treasury hitherto practically closed.

In view of the scant consideration given motorboat owners in the new municipal docking facilities, the yachtmen received their notifications from the board of assessors, today, with feelings that were not the best.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled tonight and Friday, probably rain; warmer tonight.

TRAN WRECKERS FIRST HAD PLAN OF BANK ROBBERY

Bridgeporter Is Sentenced to Additional Term of 5 to 15 Years

TWO MEN CONFESS TO WRECKING TRAIN

Planned to Rob It When They Abandoned Scheme to Loot Bank

(Special to The Farmer.) Middletown, Conn., Dec. 23.—Thrilling details of a plot to rob a bank in this city, were disclosed in the superior court here, yesterday when a confession of two of the four men on trial for wrecking a train on the Valley division at Maromas, in 1911, was read in court.

Robbery was the motive of the train wrecking plot, too, according to the confession signed by Antonio Vernalde of Bridgeport and Paul Karuba of Ansonia. These men, who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to prison for from five to 15 years. Their alleged accessories, Nunzio Bushemo and Sebastian Lagana, pleaded not guilty and went on trial today.

When court resumed today, counsel for Lagana announced his change of plea. Bushemo's trial was set for next Tuesday.

Vernalde is doing time in Wethersfield for arson. He was arrested for complicity in an alleged arson in Grand street, this city, a year ago. Karuba is serving a state's prison sentence for assault with intent to kill. The other prisoners, Nunzio Bushemo and Sebastian Lagana, went on trial today. They pleaded not guilty. The statement asserts that the four men had first planned to rob a Middletown bank to secure funds with which to go to Italy. Later, it was decided that it would be better to wreck a train and secure money and valuables from passengers.

On the afternoon of Aug. 27, 1911, the statement goes on to say, the four men rowed down the Connecticut river from Middletown to Maromas in a rowboat. At Maromas, the railroad tracks run close to the river on an embankment.

The end of a rail was sprung up, but before they had time to loosen it, the train approached and a moment later was derailed, some of the cars rolling down the embankment. The four men became frightened, the statement says, and ran away. Vernalde and Karuba were arrested soon after the wreck, but they were able to establish alibis, and were released. Later, the two were arrested for other crimes, and while they were in prison, a detective is said to have secured the evidence which led to all four being arrested on the charge of wrecking the train.

CASE OF SHERIFF RUSSELL ERASED FROM RECORDS

Extortion Charge Against Stratford Man Nulled Long Ago

It was learned today that the case against former Deputy Sheriff Daniel J. Russell of Stratford, charged with extortion, has been nulled by State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings of Stamford. This action was taken several months ago but the leaves containing Russell's record were taken from the criminal superior court docket and the news did not transpire until today.

There were three counts against Russell. While he was acting as one of former County Sheriff Volmer's deputies it was claimed there were complaints by motorists that Russell and some assistants extorted money from them for alleged violation of speed laws. Some of the motorists thought Russell was not acting in good faith and as a result of complaints Russell was suspended by the county sheriff in October, 1914. He was never reinstated and meanwhile the charges were pending against him in the court.

It is understood that the state thought the evidence against Russell was not sufficient to convict.

Millwright Whirled Around Shafting and Pitched to Flooring

Climbing a ladder to the roof of the "main shop" at the Singer Co. plant at 8:10 this morning, to repair a broken belt, William A. Saunders, aged 34, single, of 615 Main street, a millwright, was caught by the coat-tails in a whirling pulley and twice whirled around the shafting before he was flung headforemost to the floor of the factory.

The falling millwright landed on his head, suffering a concussion of the brain and injuries to both shoulders. His recovery was doubtful late today at the Bridgeport hospital.

F. B. HATHAWAY DEAD

Surfield, Conn., Dec. 23.—Frederick B. Hathaway, aged 64, a prominent tobacco grower and packer of Surfield, died today at his home here after a week's illness. He leaves his wife and two children.

TONS OF GOLD PILING IN BANKS OF BRIDGEPORT

Institutions Here Are Getting More Money Than They Can Use

LOCAL PAY ROLL IS \$1,000,000 A WEEK

Remington Plants Here Turn Out Half Million Every Seven Days

Bridgeport banks and particularly the savings institutions are benefitting to an inestimable degree from the present prosperity. It is believed that before statements are recorded on March 1, 1916, several banking institutions will have doubled their deposits over the total of the same period during the present year.

Savings banks that are lending money as fast as possible upon property for development, within the restrictions of the state banking act, report in at least one instance, that deposits are being received faster than loans can be negotiated.

Though it is denied by banking circles today that money is being sent out of the city, bankers do not expect that they will have to place an embargo upon the amount or number of deposits they may take.

This prosperity is due to the fact that not only everybody who formerly lived in Bridgeport is working full time at this season, but because thousands of new worker residents are here many of whom are foreigners. It takes to work 16 hours every week-day where heretofore eight and 10 hours was the average daily labor.

The pay-rolls in this city have been increased by the hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is reported in banking circles that the Remington Arms-Ammunition Co. and the U. M. C. Co., combined pay out nearly half million dollars weekly for work. With the pay-rolls of other factories included, conservative estimate places the weekly pay-roll of Bridgeport at more than \$1,000,000 weekly, much of which is being invested in property and placed in the savings banks of this city.

COMMISSIONERS ON BUILDING ASK BIG INCREASE IN FUNDS

Requisition Takes Larger Jump In Proportion Than Any Other

Asking for an increase of \$2,685, the board of building commissioners has filed a requisition with a proportionately larger difference in this year's and last year's figures, than any other department in the city.

The commission wants another assistant building inspector at a salary of \$1,200; stenographer, \$900; extra help in the office although the board succeeded last year in having the legislature pass a charter amendment raising the salary of Miss McGrath, the present clerk of the board. Building Inspector Rowland also wants \$800 for a new automobile for himself. He will turn over to his assistants the red car he now drives so that they may skim about the city.

The requisition of the commissioners follows and the commissioners are a unit on holding that the great increase in building operations where warrants in building operations where the appropriation for the department is \$2,685,000, possibly \$300,000,000.

"The various plants that will form the merger," said Mr. Campbell said, "are not now competitive within products or sales territories. A plant may be acquired or built at Chicago. Shipbuilding and car plants will probably be added to the organization at some future time."

Police Seek Spender Who Got Union Man's Name On Bad Check

Search for Joseph Morgan, guest and liberal spender at the Atlantic hotel, has been instituted by the police following the report of Harry Cunliffe, president of the Bridgeport local of the United Textile Workers of America, that Morgan induced him to endorse a worthless check for \$300.

Morgan represented himself about town as the son of a Montreal bank president, but the police declare they have investigated statements he made about himself and found them to be false.

Post Office Business Breaks All Records

The banner day in all departments for the local postoffice was reached yesterday. The stamp sales alone totaled \$2,963.31, while the entire postal sales amounted to \$4,153.31. The stamp sales for a year ago yesterday were \$2,836 which was the highest mark ever reached in the history of the office. Yesterday's gain was \$1,133.31. The total gain for the first three days of Christmas week over the corresponding three days of last year on stamp sales alone was \$4,204.33.

In the parcel post department 715 sacks were sent out from the main office, 186 from the east side, and 126 from the west end, making a total of 1027 sacks, which surpasses all former records by 100 sacks. One hundred and two pouches of regular mail were sent out from the central office, 31 from the east side branch and 35 from the west end, making 168 pouches in all. There was a flood of outgoing post cards in the mail.

JUDGE A. J. SEAY DEAD

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Seay, former territorial governor of Oklahoma, died at his home here last night. He was 83 years old. Judge Seay was appointed territorial governor of Oklahoma in 1902 and served two years.

BRITISH CASUALTIES IN DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN MORE THAN 112,000 MEN

VIENNA RECEIVES SECOND NOTE ON ANCONA; BRITISH PAPERS LAUD U. S. STAND

Washington, Dec. 23.—The state department received today from Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, a brief dispatch announcing the receipt there of the Ancona note at 6 p. m., Tuesday.

EARLY ANSWER EXPECTED

Vienna, Dec. 23.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it already has been begun.

London Newspapers Praise Ancona Note

London, Dec. 23.—"America clearly has made up her mind there shall be no repetition of the evasion which attended the Lusitania correspondence," says the Westminster Gazette. "By all ordinary precedents Austria is left but one alternative to concession to the American demands, and that is breaking off diplomatic relations."

Referring to the last American note to Austria, the Manchester Guardian says: "This was not the mood of the American despatches to Germany on

the sinking of the Lusitania but there are reasons for the greater severity that is now shown. For Germany, since the sinking of the Lusitania, has promised not to sink passenger steamers without warning and unless they are resisting the right of search. This promise, though made on behalf of Germany, must also be held to bind Austria, the more so as there is some suspicion that the submarine which sank the Ancona, was German.

"The strongest position of the United States was that taken up in the first notes on the sinking of the Lusitania, that submarine war on commerce was necessarily inhuman, and violation of international law. It is a pity the United States ever receded from that position."

French Delay Answer

Washington, Dec. 23.—Ambassador Sharp at Paris today notified the state department that France would not reply to the American note protesting against the removal of Germans and Austrians from American vessels on the high seas by the French cruiser Descartes until the commander of the warship had reported.

The French government is endeavoring to secure a report from the commander.

CAMBRIA STEEL COMPANY'S BIG MERGER READY

Plans Completed, President Says, for Combine of Many Plants

New York, Dec. 23.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet & Tube company and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured, J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown company, stated today. The stockholders of the Cambria Steel company have not yet agreed to the plan of the proposed merger, but Mr. Campbell said he considered that phase of the matter as soon as settled.

Although the plans are still in a preliminary stage, the interests chiefly concerned are confident that the merger will be concluded not later than Feb. 1. Present plans indicate the capitalization will be at least \$250,000,000, possibly \$300,000,000.

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JEALOUS HUBBY SHOOTS UP HIS BOARDING HOUSE

Ansonia Man Runs Amuck With Gun and Wounds One of Boarders

Ansonia, Dec. 23.—John Murphy, who shot and seriously wounded William Martin last night, was held in the city court this morning on bonds of \$10,000 for a hearing next Thursday. Martin is at the Griffin hospital where the X-ray was used this morning in an effort to locate the bullet which entered the left side and lodged near the lungs. His condition, while serious, is not considered dangerous.

Jealousy is believed to be the motive for the shooting.

The Murphy, who formerly lived here, returned to Ansonia a couple of months ago after living several years in New York state and opened a boarding house on Maple street. Martin has lived with the Murphys for seven or eight years and was married less than a year ago. Last night Murphy removed his shoes and entered the house ostensibly for the purpose of finding William Neary, one of the boarders, in the sitting room. He struck Neary in the mouth and when Mrs. Murphy appeared, Murphy drew a revolver and fired three shots. None of them took effect and Mrs. Murphy and Neary ran into their room. Martin appeared on the scene and, entering the room, told Murphy to stop. Murphy served in the navy during the Spanish war.

Broker's Counsel Asks Acquittal for "New Haven" Trial

New York, Dec. 23.—Argument by counsel for the defense of their motion for dismissal of the anti-trust law case against the 11 former directors of the New Haven railroad, was resumed today with a plea in behalf of the defendant, Charles F. Brooker, by Goldwaite H. Dorr, Judge Hunt indicated that he would entertain a motion to strike out a portion of the government's testimony against Brooker having to do with the alleged suppression of trolley line competition.

Mr. Brooker is president of the American Brass company and former member of the Republican National committee. He was longer a member of the New Haven directorate than any other defendant on trial with the exception of William Rockefeller. He joined the board in 1894.

MRS. ROQUETTE WILL BE HEARD ON JAN. 6

The case of Mrs. Roquette, charged with keeping a house of ill-fame at 331 Water street, arrested one week ago Sunday night, was again continued in city court today. This case will be tried in conjunction with the one of last Friday and the hearing will take place on Jan. 6.

CORNICE FELLS MAN

Falling cornice from the second story of a house being wrecked at 75 Elm street today felled Willard Lyon, a carpenter, living at 318 Atlantic street. He suffered lacerations and a possible fracture of the skull.

Number Killed Totals 25,000, While Over 12,000 Are Reported Missing—Nearly 100,000 Soldiers Admitted to Hospitals.

Names of Officers Relieved In Gallipoli Fighting Will Be Kept Secret—Martial Rule Is Near In Greece, Is Report.

London, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles up to Dec. 11 was 112,921.

This is the grand total of officers and men, including the naval lists, of killed, wounded and missing. The number killed was 25,279. In addition to the total of casualties, the number of sick admitted to hospitals was 96,683.

The losses were distributed as follows: Killed: Officers, 1,699; men, 23,671.

Wounded: Officers, 2,969; men, 72,222.

Missing: Officers, 337; men, 12,144.

In the House of Commons this afternoon M. Tennant, parliamentary undersecretary for war, declined publicly to give the names of the officers relieved in connection with the moving of troops in Suvla Bay, on the Gallipoli peninsula.

It was suggested that the names were public property. Mr. Tennant replied that it was so an attempt would be more punitive than informative. He denied a report that one of these officers, if a man, was cashiered.

MARTIAL LAW NEAR IN GREECE, IS REPORT

London, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force which clashed with the Greeks in a mountainous region of the Balkans has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

Recrudescence of submarine activity in the Near East is signalled in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yagata Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life but according to marine insurance men, the property was the heaviest insured in any marine disaster in a month. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London but according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action.

The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially, notwithstanding the fact that the Germans have succeeded in re-occupying some of the lost trenches but have forestalled in a most offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.

KAISER SENDS SYMPATHY TO WIDOW OF GENERAL

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Emperor William has sent a telegram of condolence to the widow of General von Emswold, whose death was announced yesterday at Hanover. It is stated by the Overseas Agency, as follows: "I have long known an officer whom I highly esteemed as a paragon of fidelity and resolution, as a soldier and as a man. His name will occupy one of the first places in history."

PACKERS WILL SEEK RELIEF IN ENGLAND

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alfred R. Upton, attorney for the Chicago packers, announced today that he will sail for England on Tuesday to endeavor to obtain an adjudication of the \$15,000,000 claim of the packers for cargo of meat seized by the British and withheld from their destination. Twenty-seven shiploads of American meat consigned to European markets were seized. The seizures began a year ago in October and ended last June.

HORSE FLESH GOOD EATING, BUT RATHER COARSE AND COSTLY

Horse flesh is good eating, but too expensive. It is a little coarser as compared to beef. It will not go on sale here unless the board of health issues a special permit. This information comes from Health Officer McCallan, who says he has eaten horse meat. Dr. McCallan believes horse meat would be too expensive for regular diet. He says he believes horse meat would be more likely to breed disease than beef.